



GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL **Federation**

Goldsborough CE Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had many exciting things happening at school in February and March so far. The changes that we have made to the curriculum so far have led to many improvements in lessons and the children are enjoying a wide range of enrichment days.

The children were delighted when Mighty Zulu Nation visited – they learned a song in different language and participated in traditional dancing. The children were totally immersed in the culture – most children had never experienced anything like it before but they enjoyed it so much that they immediately asked ‘When will MZN be back?’



Alternative Valentines – Love in the Goldsborough Community

We invited our friends from the church community into school to share the Goldsborough CE Primary school positivity. Our guests were given hot drinks and cakes, and the children sang their Zulu song and a hymn about thankfulness to them before sharing Valentine's postcards and cards with them. It was heart-warming to see our children so confident in conversing with the older generation. Reverend Stroma was so impressed that she took the left over postcards to the church to share further with the community.



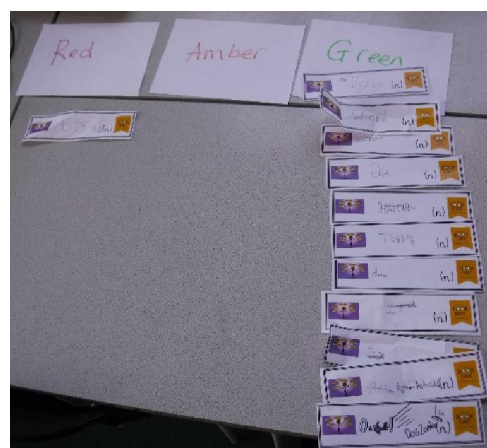
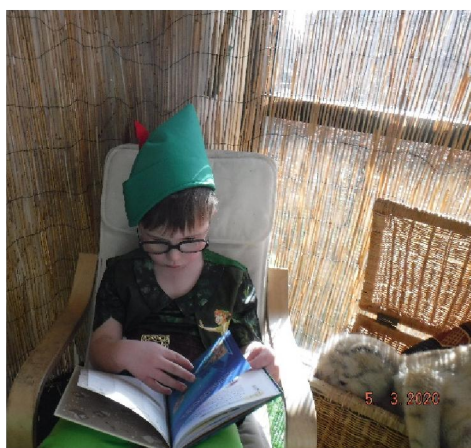
World Book Day 2020

We had such an enjoyable day, celebrating World Book Day. Though it is always fun to dress up, we wanted the day to have a real focus on reading to launch our increased curriculum focus on develop the children's vocabulary. One of the main tasks was to be immersed in new vocabulary and be able to rank it as Green.

In lessons, children are thinking about the words they see and must decide if it is red, amber or green:

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| Red word - I have never heard of it. | Amber word - I have heard of it but can't explain it well. | Green word - I like this word and can use it confidently. |
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During the week, the teachers will discuss the words and the children may complete tasks to help them develop their understanding, moving any red and amber words to green.



New Friends for Bewerley Park



This week, our Year 4 children from both schools worked together to get to know their new friends before they venture off on residential. It's not easy stepping out of your comfort zone to talk to new people, but they really made us proud with the way they conducted themselves. It's wonderful for our small village schools to be able to have these opportunities to work on different sites and make even more

friends! The children said when they were leaving 'We love it at Sicklinghall!'

Lunch Time Food Update



On Friday last week, P&A Food Management Services Ltd found themselves in financial difficulty. Following a busy weekend in talks with Deloitte they have tried to resolve their financial position. They were unable to raise the necessary capital.

Whilst liquidating P&A Food Management Services Limited has been painful for those involved, I am pleased to say that Dolce have taken over the staff and assets of P&A Food Management Services. This ensures continuity of service for us as a school and employment for ALL personnel employed by P&A Food Service Management Ltd. We are delighted to still have our kitchen staff in position as they know all the dietary needs of the children.

It has been a welcome opportunity for us as a federation to put forward the points raised by parents in recent months and to share what our aims are for school lunch moving forward (for example, a better selection of food and dessert options, fresh fruit, a wider variety of salad, less plastic waste, and the possibility of having starters for 2 days each week rather than a dessert every day, and of course, real cheese!) Whilst these changes can't be made immediately to every school that Dolce have taken over, please be reassured that I am working tirelessly in the background to pass on your concern and to make the necessary changes for the children.

FROGS Update

Please see additional newsletter from FROGS about the amazing work they are doing and their upcoming events. We are so lucky to have such a hardworking, dedicated team supporting school.

Class 1 Recruitment

Please see additional letter sent about our wonderful new teacher replacing Mrs Roberts and Mrs Wigglesworth after Easter.


After School Club

We are delighted with Miss Nutter's excellent After School Club – it is so popular that the children don't want to leave at the end of the evening. Please continue to support us by using this service.

Watch this space for more After School Sports Clubs and interschool competitions – I am working with Miss Bartlett who is the Federation P.E lead to outline an exciting timetable.


Ethos Statements

Our weekly Ethos Statements continue to inspire the children and act as a talking point. This half term we have been focusing on **Endurance** with the final 3 weeks focusing on **Hope**. After our Collective Worship, we always try and set the children a task so that what they have learnt can make a difference to them in school.



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
Weekly Ethos Statement: Endurance



"So comes snow after fire, and even dragons have their endings."


J.R.R. Tolkien -


The Hobbit



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Weekly Ethos Statement: Endurance



Dark times lie ahead of us and there will be a time when we must choose between what is easy and what is right." Albus Dumbledore




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Weekly Ethos Statement: Endurance



Failure is so important. We speak about success all the time. It is the ability to resist failure or the failure itself that often leads to greater success. JK Rowling



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Weekly Ethos Statement: **Hope**



"Hope is seeing light when surrounded by darkness."





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Weekly Ethos Statement: Hope



“A single thread of **hope** is still
a very powerful thing.”



H.O.P.E.

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As always, thank you for your support and the feedback that you provide on the playground. I am working away to ensure that your children have the very best and welcome any suggestions.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Kind regards,

Miss Zoe Pickard
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary:

CHANGE OF DATE –

12th March – 4pm - Bewerley Park Parent Meeting (both schools welcome, based at Sicklinghall).

13th March – 3:15pm - Class 1 Bun Sale

16th March – R.E Focus Week 'Sanctuary Week' – Easter Experience Workshops in School

18th March – 6:30pm Parent Talk – School Vision / SEMH in school / Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) at Sicklinghall (parents from both schools welcome)

17th March – School Photos

18th March - 9:05am – 10:05am – Making Phonics Fun (Year 1 Parents)

18th and 19th March – in school time – FROGS Mothers' Day Stall

19th March – Children only – celebrating Easter at the church

19th March – FROGS Bags To School

20th March – in school – Willow Weaving Workshop – making Crosses for R.E focus week.

24th March – Travelling Books Book Fair to Arrive at Goldsborough on sale from 25th March

25th March – 6:30pm Parent Talk – School Vision / SEMH in school / Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) at Sicklinghall (parents from both schools welcome)

27th March – (am) Author Visit – Dan Ingram Brown and then workshops with Year 2/3 +4/5/6

27th March – Easter Bonnet Competition (pm)

27th March – Easter Disco 3:15pm – 6pm Easter Disco (No After School Club)

1st April - 9:05am – 10:05am – Making Phonics Fun (Reception Parents)

1st April 2:00pm start – Easter Service for parents

3rd April – Last day of Half Term – normal school finish time.

Please do check the website as dates are subject to change.

Summer 1:

20th April – Training Day – no children in school.

21st April – Back to school!

29th April – Bewerley Park Residential Y4 (return Friday 1st May)

8th May – 9:05am – 10:05am – Supporting your child with Shape Space and Measure (Year 1 Parents)

11th May – Y6 SATs Week

18th May – Y2 SATs Week

20th May – Sex and Relationships Education Parents' session – 6pm – sign up – school location TBC.

22nd May – 9:05am – 10:05am – Supporting your child with Shape Space and Measure (Year 1 Parents)

25th May – Break up for Half Term – normal time.